

I-5 – South King County Projects Update

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Construction Update: I-5 - S. 317th HOV Direct Access

Crews are setting bridge deck forms at the I-5 bridge over Military Road. They will pour concrete into these forms to create a wider roadway on the bridge. This will allow us to extend the HOV lane across the bridge and further south to S. 320th.

Last week, workers also spread grass and wild flower seeds on the west slopes of the freeway. We will plant trees and shrubs this fall to further prevent erosion.

Pavement improvements continue on both northbound and southbound I-5, with nightly lane closures (see below for details). Crews also continue building retaining walls, pouring barrier, and installing electrical systems.

Visit our Web site at

http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/S317th_DirectAccess/photos/mar05.html to view the latest construction photos.

I-5 Lane Closures – Federal Way

Crews will close three lanes in each direction of I-5 near S. 320th nightly again this week.

On **northbound I-5**, we are closing lanes **Sunday through Thursday nights** (April 3-7). The first lane closes at 6 p.m., the second at 7 p.m. and the third at 11 p.m.

On **southbound I-5**, we are closing lanes **Monday through Thursday nights** (April 4-7). The first lane closes at 7 p.m., the second at 9 p.m. and the third at 11 p.m.

All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. each following morning. We are making progress with the pavement improvements during these closures, and crews expect to complete the work in about a month.

I-5 HOV Widening Begins

In our [February 15 e-mail update](#), we introduced you to a project in which we will widen I-5 between S. 320th Street and the Pierce County Line. We will add HOV lanes in both directions and improve the existing pavement. Crews will begin construction on this project this month.

This project is scheduled for completion in 2007. For more information, visit http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/i5/hovPiercetoTukwila/I5HOV_Pierce_S320th/.

Federal Way I-5 Pavement Replacement in April

On the weekend of April 22-25, we are planning an around-the-clock, Friday night to Monday morning closure of two to three lanes of southbound I-5 from S. 336th Street (just north of Highway 18) to the Pierce County Line. We will close two lanes during the day and three lanes at night. This closure is required for crews to replace badly damaged concrete panels in the safest and most efficient manner possible.

This closure will occur simultaneously with closures of southbound I-5 in Seattle (see below). We'll have more information for you in next week's e-mail update. You can also stay tuned to our Web site for the latest news releases at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/regions/Northwest/news/>.

Seattle I-5 Pavement Replacement Rescheduled

Last week, we reported scheduled closures of southbound I-5 ramps and lanes in downtown Seattle for the weekend of April 1-4 for pavement replacement. These closures have been postponed due to poor weather forecasts. The work is now scheduled to begin the weekend of April 15-18. For more information, please visit http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/James_Olive/. There you can also sign up for e-mail updates specific to I-5 in Seattle.

National Work Zone Awareness Week

April 3-9 is National Work Zone Awareness Week. We are heading into the busiest time of the year for road construction and maintenance, and we would like to remind drivers to slow down and use caution while driving through work zones.

Washington State Patrol fines double in work zones. For example, driving just 10 mph over the speed limit (70 mph instead of 60 mph) can cost you \$182. And changing lanes across a solid white line, such as in the work zone on I-5 in Federal Way, carries a fine of \$202. Please be careful and stay safe!

Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Tune your radio to **AM 1520** to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail Laura Johnson at JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov.

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